

House Resolution No. 85

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri couple who have enjoyed tremendous personal success through the bonds of Holy Matrimony; and

Whereas, the Reverend and Mrs. Edwin Hampton, cherished residents of Louisiana, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary with a festive celebration and dinner hosted by their children on December 27, 2003; and

Whereas, it was on December 25, 1938, that Edwin Hampton took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mary E. Atwood, and together they were joined in marriage before the eyes of God during a memorable wedding ceremony in Kennett; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Reverend Hampton served the ministry for forty-one years and played an integral role in the spiritual guidance and fulfillment of the congregations of Grassy Creek Church in rural Louisiana, First Baptist Church in Bevier, Center Baptist Church in Center, and Dardenne Baptist Church in O'Fallon; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Hampton enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as an educator for twenty years with the Louisiana R-II School District; and

Whereas, devout members of the Second Baptist Church of Louisiana, Edwin and Mary Hampton have been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of their four children, Mary Ann Anderson, Harriet Barber, and Janice Green of Louisiana, and Dr. Kevin Hampton of Savannah, Georgia; and their five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Edwin and Mary Hampton often reflect upon the joys and rewards they have experienced during their sixty-five years of marriage and look forward to many more years of wedded success and happiness:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Edwin and Mary Hampton upon the glorious celebration of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to walk hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend and Mrs. Edwin Hampton, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 85, adopted January 15, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker